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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 997**

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Committee: Transportation

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend  
2 sections 60-6,219 and 60-6,222, Reissue Revised Statutes  
3 of Nebraska; to require lighted headlights and taillights  
4 during windshield wiper operation; to harmonize  
5 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 60-6,219, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3                   60-6,219. (1) Every motor vehicle upon a highway within  
4 this state during the period from sunset to sunrise and at any  
5 other time when there is not sufficient light to render clearly  
6 discernible persons or vehicles upon the highway at a distance of  
7 five hundred feet ahead shall be equipped with lighted headlights  
8 and taillights as respectively required in this section for  
9 different classes of vehicles.

10                  (2) Every motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, a road  
11 roller, or road machinery, shall be equipped with two or more  
12 headlights, at the front of and on opposite sides of the motor  
13 vehicle. The headlights shall comply with the requirements and  
14 limitations set forth in sections 60-6,221 and 60-6,223.

15                  (3) Every motor vehicle and trailer, other than a  
16 motorcycle, a road roller, or road machinery, shall be equipped  
17 with one or more taillights, at the rear of the motor vehicle or  
18 trailer, exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of at least  
19 five hundred feet to the rear of such vehicle.

20                  (4) A person operating a motor vehicle upon a highway  
21 within this state shall turn on the motor vehicle's headlights and  
22 taillights when such motor vehicle's windshield wipers are being  
23 used.

24                  (5) Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least one  
25 and not more than two headlights and with a taillight exhibiting a  
26 red light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to  
27 the rear of such motorcycle. The headlights shall comply with the  
28 requirements and limitations set forth in sections 60-6,221 and

1 60-6,223.

2           ~~(5)~~ (6) The requirement in this section as to the  
3 distance from which lights must render obstructions visible or  
4 within which lights must be visible shall apply during the time  
5 stated in this section upon a straight, level, unlighted highway  
6 under normal atmospheric conditions.

7           ~~(6)~~ (7) It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of  
8 any motor vehicle to operate such vehicle upon a highway unless:

9           (a) The condition of the lights and electric circuit is  
10 such as to give substantially normal light output;

11           (b) Each taillight shows red directly to the rear, the  
12 lens covering each taillight is unbroken, each taillight is  
13 securely fastened, and the electric circuit is free from grounds or  
14 shorts;

15           (c) There is no more than one spotlight except for law  
16 enforcement personnel, government employees, and public utility  
17 employees;

18           (d) There are no more than two auxiliary driving lights  
19 and every such auxiliary light meets the requirements for auxiliary  
20 driving lights provided in section 60-6,225;

21           (e) If equipped with any lighting device, other than  
22 headlights, spotlights, or auxiliary driving lights, which projects  
23 a beam of light of an intensity greater than twenty-five  
24 candlepower, such lighting device meets the requirements of  
25 subsection (4) of section 60-6,225; and

26           (f) If equipped with side cowl or fender lights, there  
27 are no more than two such lights and each such side cowl or fender  
28 light emits an amber or white light.

1                   Sec. 2.   Section 60-6,222 Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3                   60-6,222. Any person who violates any lighting provision  
4 of section 60-6,219 or 60-6,221 shall be guilty of a Class III  
5 misdemeanor. In the event of such conviction, as a part of the  
6 judgment of conviction, the trial judge shall direct the person to  
7 produce in court or submit to the prosecuting attorney, before such  
8 person again operates the motor vehicle upon a highway,  
9 satisfactory proof showing that the light equipment involved in  
10 such person's conviction has been made to conform with the  
11 requirements of such sections. The failure, refusal, or neglect of  
12 such convicted person to abide by such direction in the judgment of  
13 conviction shall be deemed an additional offense for which such  
14 person shall be prosecuted.

15                  Sec. 3. Original sections 60-6,219 and 60-6,222, Reissue  
16 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.